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TI Treatment with nimodipine or mannitol reduces programmed cell

L4 1/2 ischemia

death and infarct size following focal cerebral ischemia

- AU Korenkov, Alexei I. (1); Pahnke, Jens; Frei, Karl; Warzok, Rolf;
Schroeder, Henry W. S.; Frick, Rosemarie; Muljana, Lydia; Piek, Juergen;
Yonekawa, Yasuhiro; Gaab, Michael R.
- CS (1) Department of Neurosurgery, University of Greifswald,
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Germany
- SO Neurosurgical Review, (September, 2000) Vol. 23, No. 3, pp. 145-150.
print.
ISSN: 0344-5607.
- DT Article
- LA English
- SL English
- AB The present study was conducted to evaluate the effects of nimodipine and
mannitol on infarct size and on the amount of apoptosis after transient
focal cerebral ischemia. Focal cerebral ischemia was induced in male
Sprague-Dawley rats (weight 300-380 g) by transient occlusion of the right
middle cerebral artery (MCAO) using an intraluminal thread model. All
animals underwent ischemia for 2 h, followed by 24 h of reperfusion. Group
I (n=16) was untreated. Group II (n=16) received 15% mannitol (1 g/kg as
bolus) and group III (n=9) received 15 mug/kg/h nimodipine intravenously
beginning 15 min prior to MCAO. Twenty-four hours after reperfusion, the
brain was taken and sectioned in coronal slices. The slices were stained
with H&E and with the transferase dUTP nick-end labeling (TUNEL)
technique. Histopathological analysis revealed a significant ($P < 0.05$)
decrease in infarct size in the striatum with both drugs: mannitol (group
II) 25.4+-5.9% and nimodipine (group III) 21.5+-11.0% versus control
(group I) 34.9+-7.0% and in the cortex 2.7+-2.0% (group II) and 6.3+-2.4%
(group III) versus control 14.4+-9.0% (group I). The number of apoptotic
cells was statistically lower in the therapy groups (group III 9.6, group
II 25.8) versus control (group I 57.9) (Mann-Whitney-Wilcoxon U-test
 $Z > 1.96$, $P < 0.05$). This study indicates that mannitol and nimodipine provide
neuroprotection by preventing both the necrotic and apoptotic components
of cell death after transient focal cerebral ischemia and may be effective
as neuroprotective drugs for cerebrovascular surgery.
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- TI Melatonin Protects Against Ischemia-Reperfusion Induced
Astrocytic Cell Death and Reduces the Size of the
Infarction.
- AU KUMAZAKI M; YAMAMOTO M; TAKEI N; HIDA H; NISHINO H
- CS Nagoya City Univ. Medical School, Aichi, Jpn
- SO Jpn J Physiol, (1999) vol. 49, no. Supplement, pp. S235. Journal Code:
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- TI Effect of caspase-1 or caspase-3 inhibitor on infarct size and
apoptotic cell death in the ischemia reperfusion rat
heart
- AU Okamura T (Reprint); Miura T; Iwamoto H; Shirakawa K; Kawamura S; Ikeda Y;
Iwatate M; Matsuzaki M
- CS YAMAGUCHI UNIV, UBE, YAMAGUCHI 755, JAPAN
- CYA JAPAN
- SO CIRCULATION, (27 OCT 1998) Vol. 98, No. 17, Supp. [S], pp. 1353-1353.
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TI Effect of caspase-1 or caspase-3 inhibitor on infarct **size** and apoptotic **cell** death in the **ischemia**-reperfused rat heart.

AU Okamura, Takayuki (1); Miura, Toshiro (1); Iwamoto, Hiroshi (1); Shirakawa, Kazuyuki (1); Kawamura, Shuji (1); Ikeda, Yasuhiro; Iwatate, Mitsuo

CS (1) Yamaguchi Univ., Ube Japan

SO Circulation, (Oct. 27, 1998) Vol. 98, No. 17 SUPPL., pp. I260.

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DT Conference

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AN 1997:481810 CAPLUS

DN 127:170895

TI Selfotel (CGS19755)

AU Schmutz, Markus; Arthur, A.; Faleck, H.; Karlsson, G.; Kotake, A.; Lantwicki, L.; Larue, L.; Markabi, S.; Murphy, D.; Powell, M.; Sauer, D.
CS Research & Development, Pharmaceuticals Division, Ciba, Basel, CH-4002, Switz.

SO Excitatory Amino Acids: Clinical Results with Antagonists (1997), 1-6, 129-152. Editor(s): Herrling, P. L. Publisher: Academic, London, UK.
CODEN: 64UIAO

DT Conference; General Review

LA English

AB A review with over 550 refs. Selfotel (CGS19755) is a potent selective and competitive N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) antagonist. Preclinically, selfotel reduced **ischemia**-induced infarct **size** and neuronal **cell** death, antagonized the effects of excitotoxic lesions in the brain, and attenuated neuronal damage following traumatic brain injury at i.p. or i.v. doses ranging from 3 to 40 mg kg⁻¹. In addn. to these neuroprotectant properties, selfotel also exhibited anticonvulsant and anxiolytic activity. Behavioral central nervous system (CNS) effects include ataxia and increased locomotor activity. The compd. was not mutagenic, clastogenic, or teratogenic in rats or rabbits. Similar to other competitive and noncompetitive NMDA antagonists, selfotel produced Olney-type vacuoles in a dose-related manner in rat brain. At present, the clin. significance of these findings in rats is unknown. In humans, the plasma pharmacokinetics of selfotel were linear in the dose range evaluated, and elimination half-life, clearance and vol. of distribution at steady state were independent of dose. There was no appreciable protein binding. Preliminary human data indicate that selfotel rapidly crosses the blood-brain barrier and remains in the cerebral spinal fluid (CSF) for an extended period of time. Doses of up to 3 mg kg⁻¹ i.v. have been evaluated in conscious healthy male subjects, with non-psychotomimetic CNS adverse experiences being the dose-limiting factors. Administration of single doses of up to 2 mg kg⁻¹ of selfotel did not impact the management of neurosurgical patients. However, a no. of these patients also experienced CNS effects. In patients who were conscious following an acute ischemic stroke, doses up to an including 1.5 mg kg⁻¹ i.v. were found safe and were tolerated. Dose-limiting adverse experiences in conscious patients included transient agitation, hallucinations, and confusion at higher doses. In unconscious patients

treated with selfotel following severe closed traumatic brain injury, four bolus doses of up to 5 mg kg⁻¹, administered over a 72 h period, appeared safe and well tolerated. Four international well-controlled clin. trials including approx. 3600 patients, two trials each in acute ischemic stroke and severe traumatic brain injury, are currently underway to evaluate the definitive safety and efficacy of selfotel in improving the functional outcome of patients with these disorders.

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AN 1995:428846 BIOSIS

DN PREV199598443146

TI Recombinant colony stimulating factor-1 reduces infarct **size** and rescues **neurons** in cerebral focal **ischemia**.

AU Berezovskaya, O. (1); Maysinger, D.; Zhai, R. (1); Fedoroff, S.

CS (1) Dep. Pharmacol., Univ. Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK S7N 5E5 Canada

SO Society for Neuroscience Abstracts, (1995) Vol. 21, No. 1-3, pp. 540.
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DT Conference

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AN 1988:73184 CAPLUS

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TI Dopamine depletion protects striatal neurons from ischemia-induced cell death

AU Clemens, James A.; Phebus, Lee A.

CS Lilly Res. Lab., Lilly Corp. Cent., Indianapolis, IN, 46285, USA

SO Life Sciences (1988), 42(6), 707-13

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DT Journal

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AB Infusion of the dopaminergic neurotoxin 6-hydroxydopamine, unilaterally into the substantia nigra of rats, resulted in a unilateral depletion of dopamine in the ipsilateral brain striatum. When these rats were subjected to global forebrain, ischemia, there was a marked protection of the dopamine-depleted striatum from the **ischemia**-induced loss of medium **size neurons** seen in the intact striatum. These results imply a role for dopamine in the ischemia-induced striatal cell death.

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AN 1976:521268 CAPLUS

DN 85:121268

TI Quantitative oxidative enzyme histochemistry of the spinal cord. Part 2. Relation of cell size and enzyme activity to vulnerability to ischaemia

AU Penny, J. E.; Kukums, J. R.; Tyrer, J. H.; Eadie, M. J.

CS Dep. Med., Univ. Queensland, Brisbane, Aust.

SO J. Neurol. Sci. (1975), 26(2), 187-92

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AB Cytophotometric measurements of the activities of 5 enzymes (succinate, malate, and NAD-linked isocitrate dehydrogenases; lactate dehydrogenase, and NADH dehydrogenase) were correlated with cell vol. for neurons in the anterior horn of rabbit lumbar and cervical spinal cord. The data for succinate and isocitrate dehydrogenases indicated that these enzymes were at higher concns. in the smaller neurons, which consist largely of interneurons. No preferential localization to particular sizes of cell could be assigned to the other enzymes studied. The relation between enzyme distribution patterns and their possible role in contributing toward susceptibility to **ischemia** of particular **sizes** of **neurons** is discussed.

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 AI US 2001-2961 A1 20011026 (10)

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LREP Cummings & Lockwood, P.O. Box 1960, New Haven, CT, 06509-1960
CLMN Number of Claims: 20
ECL Exemplary Claim: 1
DRWN 14 Drawing Page(s)
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AB As disclosed herein, the present invention is directed to a novel system for monitoring cell movement in response to chemotactic and chemokinetic factors. In this system, cells migrate in an under-agarose environment and their position is monitored using a system capable of measuring changes in impedance and other electrical parameters of the system at a target electrode lithographed onto a substrate as the cells arrive at the target. With the disclosed system, the time of arrival of cells at the target electrode is proportional to the dose of the chemoattractant species used to stimulate the cells and can be assessed by changes in resistance at the electrode. The system is readily able to distinguish between wild-type cells and mutants that are deficient in their chemotactic response. In addition, agents that interfere with chemotactic motility can be shown to lead to delayed arrival of cells at the target electrode. The multi-well configuration of the disclosed assay system allows for simultaneous automated screening of many samples for chemotactic or anti-chemotactic activity.

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TI The use of quantitative RT-PCR to measure mRNA expression in a rat model of focal **ischemia**: Caspase-3 as a case study.
AU Harrison, David C. (1); Medhurst, Andrew D.; Bond, Brian C.; Campbell, Colin A.; Davis, Robert P.; Philpott, Karen L.
CS (1) Molecular Neurobiology Research, SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals, Third Avenue, New Frontiers Science Park, Harlow, Essex, CM19 5AW UK
SO Molecular Brain Research, (Jan. 10, 2000) Vol. 75, No. 1, pp. 143-149. ISSN: 0169-328X.
DT Article
LA English
SL English
AB Quantitative reverse transcription and polymerisation chain reaction (RT-PCR) using TaqmanTM fluorogenic probes has been used to measure changes in gene expression in the cerebral cortex of rats in the permanent middle cerebral artery occlusion (pMCAO) model of focal **ischemia**. The mRNA levels of three housekeeping genes have been analysed in this model to determine which gene showed least change following experimental insult. In the lesioned **cortex**, beta-actin mRNA increased at 24 h, while the levels of cyclophilin and glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (GAPDH) did not change. We have also used this methodology to examine modulations in the level of caspase-3 mRNA during focal **ischemia** in the rat. Caspase-3 mRNA showed a 41% increase at 6 h post-MCAO, which was specific to the lesioned cortex. This change became more pronounced with time, showing an increase of 220% at 24 h. This methodology enables changes in mRNA expression to be analysed more sensitively and quantitatively than other available techniques and highlights the need for careful choice of control or housekeeping genes used for RNA comparisons.

L10 ANSWER 3 OF 6 USPATFULL
AN 1998:150936 USPATFULL
TI Uses of estrogen compounds for the treatment of disease
IN Simpkins, James W., Gainesville, FL, United States
PA University of Florida Research Foundation, Inc., Gainesville, FL, United States (U.S. corporation)
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DT Utility
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LREP Bromberg & Sunstein LLP
CLMN Number of Claims: 6
ECL Exemplary Claim: 1
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LN.CNT 1469
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AB A method is provided for conferring a cytoprotective effect on a population of cells in a male or female subject which includes providing an estrogen compound having insubstantial sex related activity in a pharmaceutical formulation and administering the formulation in an effective dose to a population of cells to confer cytoprotection. The method further includes administering the estrogen compound so as to confer a cytoprotective effect in a subject so as to retard adverse effects of osteoporosis in a male or female subject.

L10 ANSWER 4 OF 6 USPATFULL
AN 1998:54748 USPATFULL
TI Neuron-specific ICAM-4 promoter
IN Kilgannon, Patrick D., Bothell, WA, United States

Gallatin, W. Michael, Mercer Island, WA, United States
PA ICOS Corporation, Bothell, WA, United States (U.S. corporation)
PI US 5753502 19980519
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now patented, Pat. No. US 5702917 which is a continuation-in-part of
Ser. No. US 1994-245295, filed on 18 May 1994, now patented, Pat. No. US
5700658 which is a continuation-in-part of Ser. No. US 1993-102852,
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DT Utility
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CLMN Number of Claims: 9
ECL Exemplary Claim: 1
DRWN No Drawings
LN.CNT 2173

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AB DNA sequences, derived from the 5' region of the human neuron-specific
cellular adhesion molecule ICAM-4, which promote neuron-specific gene
transcription are disclosed along with polynucleotides comprising the
promoter DNA operatively linked to heterologous gene-encoding
polynucleotides, expression vectors comprising the promoter DNA, and
host cells transformed or transfected with DNA comprising the promoter
sequences.

L10 ANSWER 5 OF 6 USPATFULL

AN 96:82674 USPATFULL
TI Methods for neuroprotection
IN Simpkins, James W., Gainesville, FL, United States
Singh, Meharvan, Gainesville, FL, United States
Bishop, Jean, Jacksonville, FL, United States
PA University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, United States (U.S. corporation)
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LREP Bromberg & Sunstein
CLMN Number of Claims: 29
ECL Exemplary Claim: 1
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AB A method is provided for conferring neuroprotection on a population of
cells using estrogen compounds that have insubstantial sex activity and
furthermore, a method is provided that utilizes estrogen compounds in
the absence of testosterone for treating neurodegenerative diseases
including Alzheimer's disease so as to retard the adverse effects of
these disorders, Examples of estrogen compounds that have insubstantial
sex activity includes alpha isomers of estrogen compounds such as
17.alpha. estradiol.

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AB In an attempt to identify the age-dependent changes in the potential synthesis of cytoskeletal proteins, we investigated changes in messenger RNA (mRNA) of alpha-tubulin and beta-actin in the young-adult and the aged rat brain using Northern blot analysis. alpha-Tubulin mRNA levels in the frontal **cortex** and hippocampus, and beta-**actin** mRNA levels in the hippocampus were significantly decreased in the aged rat brain. Age-dependent decreases in these mRNAs may be related to the neuronal dysfunction associated with aging, in addition to the reduction of several kinds of receptors previously reported. Repeated administration of bifemelane hydrochloride (4-(2-benzylphenoxy)-N-methylbutylamine hydrochloride) for 14 days increased the levels of beta-**actin** mRNA in the frontal **cortex** and the striatum of both young-adult and aged rats, although the effect of bifemelane treatment was smaller and not significant in the aged group. These results suggest that bifemelane treatment may enhance the synthesis of cytoskeletal protein and promote neural plasticity by inducing neurite growth or synapse formation.

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